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1. Since May 1950, tanks and heavy artillery have been sent on a large scale to Ho Chi Minh through Chennankuan (106-41, 22-04).*
2. Troops of the 4 Field Army (FA) are no longer in Lungchou, Kwangsi. Starting around the end of June and early July, units of the 4 FA formerly in Liuchou and Nanning moved north along the Kwangsi-Hunan railroad.
3. The garrison of the Liuchou-Chingtai (108-39, 23-28) Military Zone consists of Communist troops under WANG Han-chao (王漢昭) with headquarters at Ishan (108-38, 24-33). Two battalions of local troops under WANG Kuei-hsin (王奎興) are in Liuchou, and a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew has been imposed on the city. Until 18 July Nanning was garrisoned only by local Communist troops.
4. It is rumored in Nanning that troops of LIU Po-cheng will replace 4 FA units.**
5. In mid-July some officials of the Kwangsi Provincial Government moved from Nanning to Liuchou and Luchou in view of the increasing activity of 10,000 anti-Communist guerrillas in the Chinghsia (106-25, 23-09) area. In mid-July troops of a South China column loyal to LI Chi-shen and under Communist control who were stationed near Luchou revolted and joined the anti-Communist guerrillas.***
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7. The Kwangtung Provincial Government received an order from Peiping to form 10 divisions of about 5,000 men as a peace preservation corps.***

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Units of the 4 FA mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 6 are probably the 13 and 16 Army Groups, whose whereabouts is uncertain but who are likely to be in Kwangsi. The movement north of more units under LIN Piao and the instruction to form a Kwangtung peace preservation corps are some of the basic steps the Communist general staff would take if they anticipated war.

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